



Morning Highlights

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Wildland Fire and Smoke Update

3 new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Tuesday. Konduit Lake Fire is 18 miles NE of Ft. Yukon and was caused by lightning. It is currently staffed with four personnel but they are expected to be demobilized today. The Sucker River Fire is about seven miles east of Ft. Yukon and was reported as human caused. The fire is currently staffed with four personnel. The Northern Sky fire was reported at Mile 330 Parks Highway. Two DOF engines and Prevention responded and contained the .3 acre fire that was burning in black spruce.

As of 9 am Monday, the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center had tallied 404 fires and 907,787.2 acres burned this year. At this time last year, 315 fires had burned 71,765.3 acres. 69 fires are active across Alaska. 15 fires are staffed.

Fire Name	Approx. Location	Acres Burned	Fire Personnel
Railbelt Complex			Alaska Type 2 Incident Mgt. Team
			Beaver/Stevens Type 2 crew
			Fairbanks #3 Type 2 crew
			Idaho City Hotshots
			Upper Tanana #4 Type 2 crew
			Boise Hotshots
			Upper Tanana # 4 Type 2 crew
			Bonneville Hotshots
			Fairbanks #1 Type 2 crew
			Fairbanks #4 Type 2 crew
			Pilot Station
			Sawtooth Hotshots
			Snake River Hotshots
Fires in Complex			353 personnel in Complex
Minto Flats South	12 mi west of Nenana	156,469 acres	
Lunch Lake	20 mi. NW of Nenana	4,515 acres	
June Creek	21 miles NW of Healy	360 acres	

Fire Name	Approx.Location	Acres Burned	Fire Personnel
Rock Slough	50 mi. NE of Ft. Yukon	14,681 acres	96 personnel
			Gannet Glacier 2IA crew
			Midnight Sun Hotshots
			North Star Type 2 crew
			Venetie #1 Type 2 crew
			Ft. Yukon #2 Type 2 crew
Little Black One	18 mi. NE of Circle	132,602 acres	20 personnel
Bear Creek	60 mi. W of Healy	38,638.3 acres	37 personnel
Zitziana	58 mi. W of Anderson	71,765.1 acres	2 personnel
Logging Slash	22 mi. NW of Nenana	118 acres	98 personnel
			Delta #2 Type 2 crew
			Huslia #2 Type 2
			Idaho City Hotshots
			Minto #1 Type 2
			Selawik #2 Type 2
			Upper Tanana #2
Chakina	13 mi. S of McCarthy	13,500 acres	15 personnel
Big River	49 mi. SE of McGrath	24,321 acres	15 personnel
			Lower Kalskag Type 2 crew
Winter Trail	10 mi. W of Aniak	2,310 acres	37 personnel
			Upper Kalskag Type 2 crew
			Yukon Type 2IA
Side Creek	13 mi. N of Rampart	57.5 acres	25 personnel
			Pioneer Peak Hotshots

Fire Name	Approx.Location	Acres Burned	Fire Personnel
Shanta Creek	Off Funny River Road	13,761 acres	496 personnel ordered
	Kenai		NIMO Type 1
			Alaska Interagency #3 T2
			Ambler Type 2
			Arctic Village Type 2
			Bitterroot Hotshots
			Chevak #1 Type 2
			Chief Mountain Hotshots
			Denali Type 2IA
			Helena Hotshots
			Hooper Bay #1 Type 2
			Hooper bay #3 Type 2
			Idaho Panhandle Hotshots
			Kiana #1 Type 2
			Lewis & Clark Hotshots
			Nikolai Type 2
			Scammon Bay Type 2
			Shageluk Type 2
Nazuruk Channel	8 mi. SW of Noorvik	35 acres	23 personnel
Upper Healy River	15 mi. NE of Healy Lake	80 acres	34 personnel

For updated information about the Minto Flats South Fire, call the Fire Information Office in Nenana at 907-832-1097 or 1838. Additional information about the fire is being posted at: www.inciweb.org.

For updated information about the Shanta Creek fire, call the Kenai Wildlife Refuge at 907-260-2338 or 2342. Additional information is posted at www.inciweb.org and <http://kenai.fws.gov>

For updated information about the Chakina Fire, call the Fire Information Office at 907-529-0511. Additional information is also posted at www.nps.gov/wrst/parkmgmt/firemanagement.htm

A cold front is moving into the interior today and winds are expected to switch and flow from the northeast by the late afternoon. The winds are expected to dissipate the heavy smoke blanketing much of the interior. Thunderstorms accompanied by rain are expected as the front moves through the area.

To learn about protecting yourself from smoke, visit:
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>

For daily fire information, please visit:
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf> and for a map of fire locations,

click on “Fire Information” at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>

Additional References

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
 - National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
 - Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK:
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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